Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0069] starting at page 14 with the following paragraph:

The present invention relates to novel AIM-I polypeptides and polynucleotides, among other things, as described in greater detail below. In particular, the invention relates to polypeptides and polynucleotides of a novel human AIM-I, which is related by amino acid sequence homology to known human AIM-I. The invention relates especially to AIM-I having the nucleotide and amino acid sequences set out in Figures 1A-1C, and to the AIM-I nucleotide and amino acid sequences of the cDNA in ATCC® Deposit No. 97448, which is herein referred to as "the deposited clone" or as the "cDNA of the deposited clone." It will be appreciated that the nucleotide and amino acid sequences set out in Figures 1A-1C were obtained by sequencing the cDNA of the deposited clone. Hence, the ~~die~~ sequence of the deposited clone is controlling as to any discrepancies between the two and any reference to the sequences of Figure 1A-1C include reference to the sequence of the human cDNA of the deposited clone.

Please replace paragraph [0211] starting at page 47 with the following paragraph:

The 5' oligonucleotide primer had the sequence 5' GCG GCG GGA TCC ATG GCT ATG ATG GAG GTC CAG 3' (SEQ ID NO:7) containing the underlined BamHI restriction site, which encodes a start AUG, followed by 18 nucleotides of the human AIM-I coding sequence set out in Figures 1A-1C.

Please replace paragraph [0212] starting at page 47 with the following paragraph:

The 3' primer had the sequence 5' CGC GCG TCT AGA GCT TAG GCA ACT AAA AAG GCC 3' (SEQ ID NO:8) containing the underlined XbaI restriction site followed by 21 nucleotides complementary to the last 21 nucleotides of the AIM-I coding sequence set out in Figures 1A-1C, including the stop codon.